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HOTEL FIRE HORROR IN MINNEAPOLIS

BURNING OF THE WEST HOTEL AT AN EARLY MORNING HOUR.

THRILLING SCENES, AND DEEDS OF BRAVE MEN IN EFFORT TO SAVE LIFE.

GUESTS SUFFOCATED OR BURNED TO DEATH

Others Jumped to Their Death From High-Up Stories—Fire Captain Killed by Falling Seven Stories From a Ladder While Attempting to Rescue a Woman—Thousands Cheer the Thrilling Deeds of Firemen.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10.—Ten persons are known to have lost their lives in a fire in the West hotel early Wednesday morning. Four guests were burned to death or suffocated in their rooms; others jumped to their death, and a fire captain was killed by falling seven stories from a ladder while rescuing a woman. Property loss, \$250,000.

The known list of dead numbers ten, as follows: Mrs. J. E. Hodges, Minneapolis; suffocated.

Capt. John Berwin, killed by fall.

Alice Larsen, chambermaid; jumped from seventh floor.

W. G. Nichols, grain merchant, Minneapolis; suffocated.

J. P. Polinger, New York; jumped from six floor.

J. E. Wolf, northwest salesman for Sperry & Alexander, New York; burned to death in his room.

Clifton Lemme, suffocated.

W. E. Macner, Duluth; suffocated.

Unidentified man, who jumped from an upper window.

A colored porter.

Injured.

James Speckberger, cut and bruised city hospital.

Mrs. James Speckberger, in serious condition from smoke, city hospital.

Mrs. Barlow, serious.

James Satt, cut by glass; serious condition from smoke.

Driver Horton, truck No. 8; cut and bruised.

Judge Atwater, Minneapolis, city hospital; affected by smoke.

N. S. Armsden, cut and burned.

Mary Rahaw, cut and burned; affected by smoke.

Mrs. Emeline Barlow, 65, believed to be dying; overcome by smoke.

THE FIRE.

Thrilling Scenes and Deeds of Brave Men.

The fire broke out at 3:15 a. m., in the upper story of the building, and the electric bells immediately sounded the alarm in all the rooms. Many guests were already up, and escaped down the stairways, but these exits were soon cut off by fire and the halls filled with smoke. There were 700 people in the building.

When the department arrived the windows of the seventh floor were frames for pictures of human terror. At almost every window a person stood in night garb, begging the crowds below for help. The smoke which rushed from the windows began to hide the terrified prisoners of the flames. While preparations were being made to quench the flames, ladders were shot up as far as they could reach. Beyond these, firemen who dashed up the rounds used scaling ladders.

Death of Heroic Fireman.

The first horror occurred 15 minutes after the fire had started.

Capt. John A. Berwin of station A had thrown a scaling ladder to a seventh-story window, where a woman was wildly pleading for help. The crowd below could see that she was nearly suffocated by the smoke which rushed through the window past her. The crowd gave a cheer as the brave fireman reached the woman and took her in his arms. He began to descend the ladder slowly. They had nearly reached the top round of the big ladder below them when the woman began to kick and scream. The fireman struggled to hold his place on the ladder, but failed.

The woman threw herself from his arms onto a ledge. The fireman tried to keep his pole, and for half a second he swayed, then his body leaned far out. The crowd watched, horror-stricken, as the fireman fell. He was dashed to death on the fifth street pavement. The woman was Mrs. Emeline Barlow, who will die from inhaling smoke.

The next horror followed when Alice Larsen, of Omaha, threw herself from the seventh story to the pavement. Her body was terribly crushed.

A Thrilling Rescue.

One of the most thrilling scenes was

that of F. A. Chamberlain, of the Security bank, and member of his family, who were not awakened in time to make their escape by the usual exits. Mr. Chamberlain gathered bedding and made a rope, and at the same time the extension ladders were being placed into position, but were found too short. The pomper ladders were then rushed to the scene, and a fireman, with a rope about him, firmly placed, scaled the ladder, to the cheers of thousands of spectators. Arriving at the window, he took one after the other, lowered them safely to the extension ladder, two stories beneath, by means of the rope where they were brought to safety. The rescue was accomplished amid death-like silence when the fireman reached the window. When the last persons were lowered, and the fireman followed, the cheering broke loose. It was one of the most thrilling scenes at a fire ever witnessed in this city.

The flames meanwhile had reached serious proportions, and Chief Canterbury sent to St. Paul for aid. The chief then sent scouting parties of firemen onto the smoke-laden floors. It was on the sixth floor that the firemen found a veritable charnel house.

History of the Hotel.

The West hotel, although built almost twenty years ago, has always been regarded as one of the finest hotels in the country, and at the time of its construction was regarded as nearly fire-proof as possible.

It was built by the late Col. John T. West, more with the intention of advertising the city than as a money-making investment. Located at Fifth street and Hennepin avenue, it occupied a commanding position in the city, and was regarded as a show place and one of the leading attractions of the city.

For years the hotel was conducted at a loss, but the public spirit of its owner refused to allow him to shut its doors, and it eventually developed into a paying property.

THE DOINGS IN CONGRESS

Senators Bacon and Spooner Have a Wordy War, Caused by Moroccan Affair.

Washington, Jan. 10.—The propriety of discussing in open senate a resolution introduced by Senator Bacon calling upon the president for an account of his appointment of delegates to a proposed conference on Moroccan affairs, to be held by European powers at Algiers, Spain, was considered for four hours, Tuesday, and then, by strict party vote, it was decided that the resolution should be executive business. Senator Bacon, in supporting his resolution, contended for a public discussion, and Senator Spooner declared that the adoption of the resolution would be an encroachment by the senate upon the constitutional rights of the president and would virtually charge him, in a manner, amounting almost to insult, with ignorance of his duties as chief magistrate.

Offense was taken by Senator Bacon to the remarks of Senator Spooner, the former declaring emphatically that he did not purpose to be charged with insulting the president.

Insisting that he could not see the distinction, Senator Bacon said that if it would amount to an insult for the senate to adopt the resolution it would be just as much so for him to offer it.

"I do not understand your logic," replied Senator Spooner, "but if that is your conclusion, and you insist upon constraining your course as an action of the senate, of course I can not flinch from the consequences."

THREE SLAIN IN FEUD FIGHT

And Two Were Mortally Wounded—The Result of a Long-Standing Grudge.

Monticello, Ky., Jan. 10.—Wayne Bell, Porter Price and Levi Dobbs were killed and James and Alfred Bell mortally wounded in a desperate battle at Rock Creek.

The Bells, with Dobbs and other friends, met Ben and John Dean and Porter Price and some of their friends. There had been a long-standing feud between the parties over a boundary line, and there had been several previous encounters. This meeting was the result of an accident, but the opposing factions had no sooner come together than they opened fire upon each other.

It is considered certain that the feud will spread, and more fatalities are expected.

A MAN KICKED DYNAMITE

Two Men Killed and Several Injured on the Missouri Pacific Extension Near Crane, Mo.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 10.—Near Crane, Mo., while laborers on the Missouri Pacific extension to Springfield were thawing out dynamite the explosive caught fire. In attempting to save it one of the men kicked the dynamite and it exploded. William McNeal and Joe Kepoe were killed and several others were injured.

Marshall Field Much Improved.

New York, Jan. 10.—The condition of Marshall Field, of Chicago, who was taken from a train ill on his arrival here Tuesday, is reported to be much improved.

IN THE SUPREME COURT ON FRIDAY

QUESTION WILL BE ARGUED
WHETHER ROGERS MUST
ANSWER HADLEY.

STANDARD OIL MEN WANTED TWO WEEKS

In the meantime the inquiry will be stopped until the court renders its decision—Hagerman Calls Hadley's Inquisition "A Fishing Excursion."

New York, Jan. 10.—The supreme court Wednesday morning set Friday morning of this week as the time it would hear arguments on the motion made by Attorney-General Hadley of Missouri that H. H. Rogers be compelled to answer questions regarding his connection with the oil trust. The attorneys for the Standard Oil Co. asked for a delay of two weeks.

Before the court.

The case was No. 60 on the list for Justice Gilderalee's consideration, and was labeled simply, "The matter of the state of Missouri."

Mr. Rowe and Mr. Wellman advanced to the bar when the case was called, and introduced Mr. Hagerman and Attorney-General Hadley to the justice.

Mr. Rowe then asked for a reasonable time—"say two weeks"—in which to prepare an answer to the order served on Mr. Rogers through him the night before.

He made the plea that he and his associates had been kept hard at work by Mr. Hadley from 10 until 5 every day for a week, and that they had not yet had a bit of time for consultation. "Judge Priest," he said, "my colleague from Missouri, arrived early last night, and I have not even had time to talk with him. We have offered every courtesy and convenience to Mr. Hadley, but the whole proceeding so far has been in a state of turmoil, and we want to get in an even-handed, judicial atmosphere. The principal case, your honor, can not be tried in Missouri for months, so there is no urgency in the matter."

Looked Simple to Wellman.

Mr. Wellman, in reply, said the case was as simple as anything he had ever seen.

"We want this court," said he, "simply to decide whether every Standard Oil personage, from Mr. Rogers down to the elevator man, can reply to any question they or their counsel may choose. I decline to answer on advice of counsel."

It is nothing else in the case, your honor," he went on. "This is the only matter at issue. The Standard Oil people are simply fighting for more delay. We see no reason why they can not have an answer before you Thursday morning."

Justice Gilderalee said he thought the matter was simple enough to be disposed of over night, and Attorney-General Hadley asked the courtesy of the court for a few words.

"Your honor," he said, "I am, of course, not familiar with New York practice. I want to know, and to know through the supreme court, whether a witness called before a commissioner appointed by it can refuse to answer a question because he or his counsel believe it to be immaterial. As far as the case in Missouri goes, all the testimony there will be ready in ten days instead of in 'many months.'"

Called It "A Fishing Excursion."

The attorney-general, Mr. Hagerman said, was only trying to get at the holders of the stock of the Standard Oil Co. He characterized the Hadley inquisition as a "fishing excursion."

"We want to know," he said, "in a proceeding against three specific corporations, whether questions can be asked concerning the relations of all the companies on the face of the earth known as the Standard Oil companies."

"Well," said Mr. Wellman, "if the question is as simple as all that, why a delay of two weeks? I think an answer to our order might easily be prepared in ten minutes."

Justice Gilderalee finally straightened out the affair by getting the warring counsel to agree that proceedings before the commissioners be stopped until Friday at 2 p. m. and that Mr. Rowe, with all that time at his disposal for consultation with his brethren should appear in court with his answer at 10:30 Friday morning.

Say Pierce Is at Waldorf-Astoria.

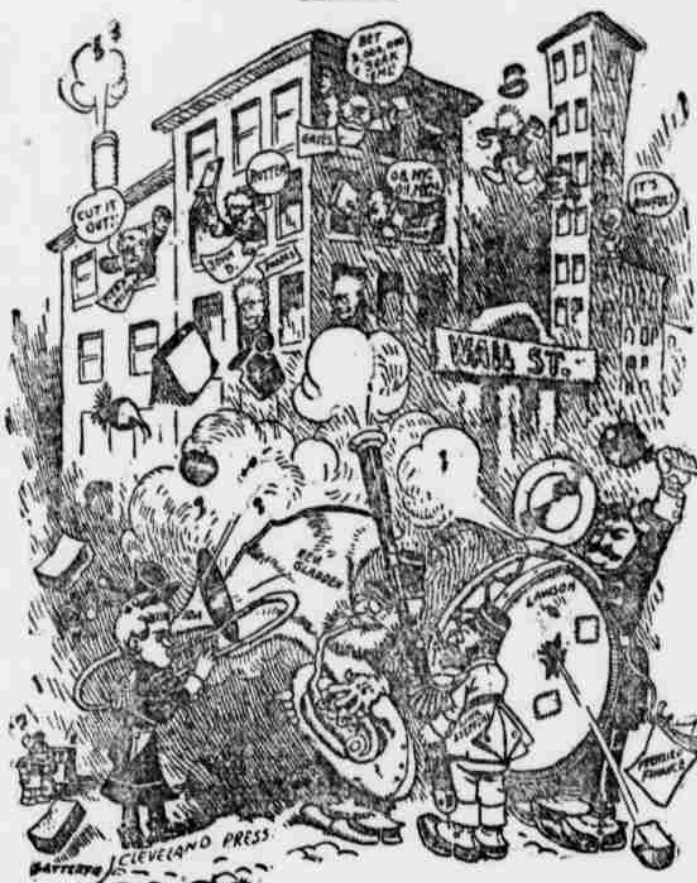
New York, Jan. 10.—In spite of assertions that H. Clay Pierce, much sought as a witness in Missouri's suit against the Standard Oil Co., has escaped process servers and was at sea in his yacht, he is known to be in his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria.

It is asserted by one in a position to know the facts that he has not been out of his apartments for nearly two weeks.

Drops Dead in Courtroom.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 10.—Conrad Stein, aged 58, a prominent business man, dropped dead of heart disease in the courtroom.

SOUND THE TIMBREL



"According to a Chicago College Professor, Music Properly Applied, Is a Certain Cure for Graft."—News Item.

ADMINISTRATION RATE MEASURE

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSE FORMALLY CONSIDER
AND ADOPT IT.

DOLLIVER MEASURE AMENDED BY HEPBURN

Spenser Cannon, Confident That He Has Overcome the Insurgents, Instructs Representative Payne to Move For Close of Debate On Philippine Tariff Bill on Friday.

Washington, Jan. 10.—At a secret conference of republican members of the house committee on interstate commerce, Tuesday night, what will hereafter be known as the administration measure for the regulation of railroad rates was formally considered and adopted.

It will be submitted at a meeting of the full committee Friday, and will come up for consideration in the house as soon as other business can properly be disposed of.

This administration rate bill is what is called the "Dolliver measure," as amended in some details by Col. Hepburn, chairman of the house committee.

The meeting was for the purpose of familiarizing the republican members with the bill as it now stands, and to harmonize the different views of members of the committee regarding the details of the proposed legislation.

Cannon Confident.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Speaker Cannon has conquered the insurgents. So confident is he that he has instructed Representative Payne to move that all debate be closed on the Philippine tariff bill on Friday, and that a vote be had immediately. The motion will be made by Mr. Payne during the session Wednesday. This is taken to be a sure indication that the speaker and his friends are certain of their ability to control the situation. It was originally intended that the debate on the Philippine tariff bill should continue until the end of the week, in order that the speaker might continue his "heart-to-heart" talks with the insurgent members.

THE POLICY OF AMERICA

The Role of the United States At the Moroccan Conference Discussed by Officials and Diplomats.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The role of the United States at the Moroccan conference arouses much discussion and some apprehension, in which the officials and diplomats are taking an active part. This is due mainly to the dispatches printed in London papers and reproduced here, purporting to give the American policy. One dispatch stating that the United States will uphold the German contention caused unfavorable comment, but a dispatch from Madrid to the London Times, saying that the United States will support Great Britain, Russia, Italy and Spain in the concert with France, counteracted the first impression and caused more favorable comment.

Urges Jolly Heavily Feted.

Carbondale, Ill., Jan. 10.—Mrs. William Fox and her three children, Dora, Emma and Herman, came near meeting death from eating so-called "grape jelly," purchased from a local dealer.

RUSSIA SEES LIGHT AHEAD

GOVERNMENT BELIEVES WORST IS OVER.

Some Semblance of Order, It is Said, Being Gradually Restored in the Empire.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—The success which thus far has attended the campaign against the violent revolutionists has plainly encouraged the government to believe that the worst is over for the winter, except in the Baltic provinces, the Caucasus and the Don region, where the prevailing anarchy is likely to continue indefinitely. Some semblance of order is being gradually restored in the empire.

The socialists and revolutionists stoutly maintain that the present lull is only a truce over the holidays, and from mysterious hiding places the leaders continue issuing orders to refuse all compromise with imperialism, to boycott the national assembly and to prepare for a great armed insurrection. The government, however, professes to have confidence that the revolutionists will not quickly recover the loss of strength and prestige which they have suffered.

The members of the government declare that the abortive attempt of an armed insurrection performed a service to the country in revealing to the liberals of all shades of opinion the necessity for fighting the violent programme of the "reds," and that henceforth no matter how much the liberals oppose the policy of government, they will be found arrayed against the "reds." How far these calculations of the government, based on divisions of its enemies, will stand the test of events, remains to be seen, as many times heretofore they have been rudely shattered.

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LELAND W. PRIOR A SUICIDE

Fired Two Shots Into His Head While Standing in Front of a Mirror—Was a Financier.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 10.—Leland W. Prior, one of the best-known men in financial circles in Cleveland, and junior member of the stock brokerage firm of Denison, Prior & Co., shot and killed himself in a room at the Hollenden hotel, while standing in front of a mirror.

George B. Denison, brother of the senior member of the firm, said he could not understand Mr. Prior's desire to end his life, but there are rumors of the firm being involved in the stock market to the extent of half a million.

Mr. Prior was about 45 years old, married and had two children.

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